

mat, the providing of the at least one active ingredient including incorporating the at least one active ingredient and a sweetener into and/or on the individual tablets..

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46. (Newly submitted) A consumable or dissolvable tablet, pad or mat manufactured using an apparatus in accordance with claim 19.
47. (Newly submitted) An apparatus as in claim 19, wherein the means for forming includes means for separating the individual tablets from the fiber web or mat.
48. (Newly submitted) An apparatus as in claim 47, wherein the means for separating includes means for cutting the fiber web or mat.

R E M A R K S

For convenience of the Examiner set forth below is the current status of the claims in the Application:

Claim	Status	Dependency
1-3	Canceled	--
4-9	Once amended	35
10	Canceled	--
11-16	Once amended	35
17	Canceled	---
18	Once amended	48
19	Once amended	Independent

Claim	Status	Dependency
20-28	Once amended	19
29	Once amended	34
30	Once amended	Independent
31-32	Once amended	30
33	Unchanged	Independent
34	Newly submitted	Independent
35	Newly submitted	34
36	Newly submitted	35
37-41	Newly submitted	34
42	Newly submitted	41
43	Newly submitted	19
44	Newly submitted	30
45	Newly submitted	34
46-47	Newly submitted	19
48	Newly submitted	47

Claims 4-9, 11-32 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and to correct minor linguistic spellings. Claim 29 was amended to become two claims: Claim 29 and newly submitted Claim 49. Claims 1-3 and 10 were canceled replaced by new Claims 34-43. Claim 17 was canceled. New claims 44-48 were also added to recite the same subject matter taken out of other claims.

An Abstract of the Disclosure has been added and is annexed to this Amendment.

In addition to a filing fee of \$890.00 (37 CFR 1.482), enclosed is a check in the total amount of \$1,428 to cover 23 additional total claims (\$414) and 1 additional independent claim (\$84) plus an Assignment recordal fee (\$40). The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or to debit any deficiency to Deposit Account 03-2317.

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4. (Once amended) A method according to claim 34, [any one of the proceeding claims, which comprises supplying to provide the] wherein the supplying includes providing the liquid as a composition [comprising at least one] selected from a group consisting of a gelatin, a starch, cellulose, a cellulose derivative, a water-soluble polymer, [such as] polyvinyl pyrrolidone, polyvinyl alcohol, poly-sucrose, and a sugar.
5. (Once amended) A method according to claim 34, [any one of claims 1 to 3, which comprises] wherein the supplying includes providing as the liquid a solution consisting essentially of 5 grams of fish gelatin in a solvent consisting of from 7 to 9 milliliters [millilitres] of water and 10 to 11 [milliliters] milliliters of ethanol.
6. (Once amended) A method according to claim 34, [any one of claims 1 to 3], which comprises supplying as the liquid a solution consisting essentially of 5 grams of fish gelatin in a solvent consisting of 8 [millilitres] milliliters of water, 10 [millilitres] milliliters of ethanol and 1 [millilitre] milliliter of peppermint [flavouring] flavoring.
7. (Once amended) A method according to claim 34, [any one of the preceding claims,] which [comprising] comprises providing an air flow to encourage the deposition of the at least one [fibre] fiber or fibrils on the surface.

8. (Once amended) A method according to claim 34, [any one of the preceding claims,] which further comprises regulating [the] temperature [, for example by applying heat,] of [the] a region where the liquid issues from the outlet to facilitate the formation of the at least one [fibre] fiber or fibrils.
9. (Once amended) A method according to claim 34, [any one of the preceding claims,] which comprises establishing the electric field by applying a high voltage to the surface.
11. (Once amended) A method according to claim 34, [any one of the preceding claims,] which further comprises using as the surface a rotatable endless surface [such as a belt].
12. (Once amended) A method according to claim 34, [any one of the preceding claims,] [which comprises incorporating] wherein the providing of the at least one active ingredient is effected by spraying the active ingredient onto at least one of: the at least one [fibre] fiber or fibrils; the mat or web; and the individual tablets.
13. (Once amended) A method according to claim 34, [any one of the preceding claims,] [which comprises incorporating] wherein the providing of the active ingredient is incorporated into the at least one [fibre] fiber or fibrils.

14. (Once amended) A method according to claim 34, [any one of the preceding claims,] which further comprises forming the at least one [fibre] fiber [of] or fibrils with a core containing [an] the at least one active ingredient.
15. (Once amended) A method of manufacturing a pharmaceutical product which further comprises using a method in accordance with claim 34 [any one of the preceding claims] and providing as the at least one active ingredient an ingredient which is pharmacologically or biologically active.
16. (Once amended) A method of manufacturing a confectionary product which comprises using a method in accordance with claim 34 [any one of claims 1 to 14] to form [a] the plurality of individual tablets and incorporating as the at least one active ingredient at least one of the following: sugar; chocolate; a [flavouring] flavoring; and a colorant.
18. (Once amended) Apparatus according to [claim 17] claim 48, wherein the cutting means comprises at least one cutter.
19. (Once amended) Apparatus for manufacturing consumable or dissolvable tablets, comprising:
means for supplying a liquid containing a biodissolvable carrier through a liquid supply tube to an outlet of the tube;

means for establishing an electric field between the outlet and a support surface spaced from the outlet to cause liquid issuing from the outlet to form at least one fiber [fibre] or fibrils of the biodissolvable carrier;

means for causing the fiber [fibre] or fibrils to deposit onto the support surface to form a fiber web or mat;

means for forming from the fiber web or mat [to form] a plurality of individual tablets [each comprising a fibre web or mat]; and

means for incorporating at least one active ingredient into the web or mat, the individual tablets being configured to melt, liquefy, disintegrate or dissolve in a wet environment.

20. (Once amended) Apparatus according to claim [17, 18 or] 19, [further comprising, for providing] wherein the liquid [,] is a supply selected from a group consisting of a gelatin, starch, cellulose, a cellulose derivative, a water soluble polymer, [such as] polyvinyl pyrrolidone, polyvinyl alcohol, poly-sucrose, a sugar.
21. (Once amended) Apparatus according to claim [any one of claims 17 to] 19, [further comprising, as] wherein the liquid [,] is a supply selected from a group consisting of a solution consisting essentially of 5 grams of gelatin in 7 to 9 milliliters [millilitres] of water and 10 to 11 milliliters [millilitres] of ethanol.

22. (Once amended) Apparatus according to claim [any one of claims 17 to] 19, [further comprising, as] wherein the liquid [,] is a supply of a solution consisting essentially of 5 grams of gelatin in 8 milliliters [millilitres] of water, 10 milliliters [millilitres] of ethanol and 1 milliliter [millilitre] of peppermint flavoring [flavouring].

23. (Once amended) Apparatus according to claim 19, [any one of claims 17 to 22,] further comprising air flow causing means for facilitating the deposition of the at least one fiber [fibre] or fibrils onto the support.

24. (Once amended) Apparatus according to claim 19, [any one of claims 17 to 23,] wherein the electric field establishing means comprises means for applying a positive potential to the support.

25. (Once amended) Apparatus according to claim 19, [any one of claims 17 to 24,] further comprising a rotatable endless surface as the support.

26. (Once amended) Apparatus according to claim 19, [any one of claims 17 to 25,] further comprising an environmental control means for regulating the temperature of the region where liquid issues from the outlet.

27. (Once amended) Apparatus according to claim 19, [any one of claims 17 to 26,] further comprising spraying means for spraying the at least one active ingredient onto at least one of: the fiber [fibre] or fibrils; the mat or web; and individual tablets.

28. (Once amended) Apparatus according to claim 19, [any one of claims 17 to 27,] further comprising means for supplying the active ingredient so that the at least one fiber [fibre] or fibrils have a core containing the active ingredient.

29. (Once amended) A consumable or dissolvable tablet, pad or mat manufactured using a method in accordance with claim 34. [any one of claims 1 to 16 or apparatus in accordance with any one of claims 17 to 28.]

30. (Once amended) A consumable or dissolvable tablet produced by subjecting liquid comprising the carrier material to a high electric field and comprising a web of fibers [fibres] of a [biodissolvable] carrier material carrying at least one active ingredient, the carrier material being configured and arranged to melt, liquefy, dissolve or disintegrate in a wet environment [such as on the tongue or in the mouth of a human being or other animal].

31. (Once amended) A consumable or dissolvable tablet [comprising a] of claim 30, wherein the web of fibers [fibres] or fibrils are of gelatin, [produced by subjecting] the liquid comprising gelatin, [to a high electric field and carrying at least one active

ingredient, the tablet being arranged to dissolve or disintegrate in a wet environment such as on the tongue or in the mouth of a human being or other animal.]

32. (Once amended) A tablet according to claim 30, [claims 29, 30 or 31] wherein the active ingredient comprises a pharmacologically or biologically active ingredient.

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